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**Remarks**

The Final Office Action mailed 13 October 2004 has been received and reviewed. Claims 1, 25, and 26 having been amended, the pending claims are claims 1-51. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

**Interview Summary**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended in an interview between Applicants' Representative, Ann M. Mucting, and Examiner Samchuan Cua Yao on 2 December 2004. The amendments to claims 1, 25, and 26 were discussed as presented herein.

**The 35 U.S.C. §103 Rejection**

The Examiner rejected claims 1-15, 25, 27-33, 44, and 50 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the Admitted Prior Art (APA; U.S. Patent Publication US 2003/0175503 A1) in view of Delgado et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,908,693) and Perrault et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,039,940). This rejection is respectfully traversed and rendered moot in view of the clarifying amendments to claims 1 and 25.

**Rejoinder**

Rejoinder of all claims is respectfully requested as no undue burden would be placed on the Examiner to evaluate all the claims. In particular, rejoinder of composition claim 26 is requested as it has been amended in an analogous manner as claims 1 and 25. Also, rejoinder of claims 27-33, 39, 40, 44, 50, and 51 is requested as these claims depend from claims 1, 25, and 26.

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ARTICLES, AND METHODS**Summary**

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if it is believed that prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

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